Annual Southern States Meeting Here Aug. 5

A Farm Talent Round-up Contest, elections of local board and Farm Home Advisory Committee members and reports on cooperative service and operations for the 1954-55 year will be among the features of the annual Southern States membership meeting for the Appomattox area to be held at 8:00 P. M., August 5 at the high school auditorium.

A fish fry will be served at 6:30 P. M., before the business meeting. All farm people and patrons should contact W. T. Coleman for their meal tickets. Door prizes will be given.

The Farm Talent Round-Up Contest—which is for amateurs only who will be at least 12 years of age on August 1, 1955—offers an opportunity for the winning act at the local meeting to try out for the Ted Mack coast-to-coast television show in New York. Members of the immediate families of all farmers and all Southern States' patrons are eilgible to enter.

All individual members of the 1954 talent acts who won first place at their local contests and those who participated in last year's district contests are ineligible to compete. Employees of Southern States Cooperative and its Cooperative Service Agencies and members of their families are also ineligible.

The contest will be sponsored jointly by Coleman's Feed & Seed Store and Southern States Cooperative, with the Ted Mack organization cooperating. About 400 similar local contests will be held throughout the six-state operating territory of Southern States Cooperative within the next few months.

The winning local act will be eligible to compete with winning acts from other communities in one of the 18 district elimination contests, and will be given an all expense paid trip to the district contest. The second place winner at the local level will receive a $5.00 award, while the third place act will be given a $3.00 award.

Abbitt Coleman, of Appomattox, will serve as chairman of the local meeting. Dr. Carl A. Collins will give the invocation.

A report on local operations and services will be given by W. T. Coleman, manager of Coleman's Feed & Seed Store.

Nominees for the local Southern States Advisory Board for the Appomattox area are: Richard Harris and Edward Cheatham, of Spout Spring; Frank Mabley and L. L. Webb, of Appomattox, and Peyton Harvey, of Evergreen.

Nominees for the Farm Home Advisory Committee are: Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr., Spout Spring; Mrs. Charles Scruggs, Mrs. Elliott Torrence and Mrs. LeGrand Webb, of Appomattox.

Members of the general committees assisting with the meeting are:

Farm-Talent Rund-Up Committee: W. A. Wheeler, chairman; Mrs. Clem Mortin; Twyman Coleman, Mrs. Richard Webb, Carter Martin and D. M. Wood.

"Eats" Committee: Mrs. Herbert Pulliam, general chairman.

Serving: Mrs. Carter Martin, Mrs. Twyman Coleman, Mrs. Abbitt Coleman, Mrs. Billy Wheeler, and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

"Eats" tickets and plates: W. T. Coleman.

Parking: W. H. Stern, chairman; C. M. Hall.

Greeting: Abbitt Coleman, chairman; David Wood, Richard Webb Wilson Scruggs, J. L. Torrence.

Ushering: Ronald Coleman.

Boys: Wayne Torrence, Sonny Conner, George Smith, Buddy Conner.

Girls: Miss June Conner, Miss Carrie Jane Inge, Miss Nancy Slagle, Miss Louise Wood, Miss Mary Conner.

Lucky-name - survey card committee: Carter Martin, chairman; Mrs. Henry Barger, Mrs. Elliott Torrence, Mrs. D. M. Wood, Mrs. Billy Wheeler, Mrs. W. D. Krantz, Mrs. C. R. Morton.

TIT FOR TAT

"My first wife was a good cook."
"Well, my first husband never complained."

Richwood

Richwood, July 26.- "A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself."
—Proverb.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

G. T. Marsh is spending a few days in Newport News with relatives.

H. W. Marsh visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Powell, who have been visiting with relatives, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and family and Mrs. Edd Davis and son were in Lynchburg on business Friday.

The Secretary of the Navy has urged a new emphasis on ability over seniority in promotion of captains to the rank of rear admiral.

Vera

Vera, July 26.- We were thankful for the nice rain, it's so awfully hot.

Mrs. Grover Beasley has returned home from the hospital and is feeling much better. Visitors in her home on Friday night were Mr. T. C. Harvey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Covington.

Mrs. Eva Hayden and Miss Mazie Harvey visited Mrs. Maude Abbitt on Sunday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mazie and Mrs. L. H. Watson were in Lynchburg on Wednesday.

Mr. Harlon Levisay and Mr. Bob Levisay, of Covington visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Thursday.

Mrs. Harvey Morris and Jean, of Richmond visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey day.

Mr. C. E. Lewis has been ... several days. We hope for ... speedy recovery.

Mr. Russell Chernault is ... hope for him a speedy re...

Week-end visitors in the ... Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey ... Mrs. Joel Harvey and ... Mrs. Eva Hayden, Mrs. ... Harvey, Mr. Robert Cole... Mr. and Mrs. Shafter D...

Mr. T. C. Harvey and ... ited in the home of Mr. ... Russell Chernault on Mon...

The Promise

"My, how careful you ... toys—you've picked up ... I suppose your mother ... you something for doing ...
"No, she said I'd get ... I didn't."

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List of Co. School Teachers Is Announced

Appomattox County public schools will open for the 1955-56 session on Thursday, September 8. Teachers' meetings will be held in Appomattox and Carver-Price schools Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7, beginning at 9:15 A. M. The session will end Wednesday, June 6, 1956.

Division Superintendent Jerry A. Burke today announced a list of the teachers for the county, as follows:

Evergreen School

Mrs. Lucie B. Staples, 1-4 grades; Mrs. Dorothy L. Blythe, 4-7.

Spout Spring School

Mrs. Pauline W. Thomas, 5-7; Mrs. Colyer A. Scruggs, 3-5; Mrs. Fannie C. Jennings, 1-2.

Oakville School

Floyd Weidman, 6-7; Miss Elizabeth B. Haskins, 5-6; Mrs. Nellie D. Walton, 3-4; Mrs. Bessie G. O'Brien, 1-2.

Vera School

Mrs. Virginia A. Gunter, 4-5; Mrs. Iva F. Covington, 6-7; Mrs. Virgie I. Beasley, 1-3.

Pamplin School

Earl J. Smith, principal, 7; Mrs. Aileen Mc. Harvey, 6; Mrs. Lucille D. Webb, 5; Mrs. Sadie Brightwell, 4; Mrs. Sarah D. Wayne, 3; Mrs. Ruby P. Atkins, 2; Mrs. Pearle B. Lucado, 1.

Appomattox High School

Mr. Howard E. Kerr, principal; Miss Julia I. Asher, Librarian; Mr. Richard N. Ashworth, Shop., Agri.; Mr. Gordon H. Bragg, Health, Phy. Ed.; Mrs. Louise T. Brown, Health, Phy. Ed.; Mr. Joseph L. Byrd, Jr., Soc. Sci., & Health; Mrs. Frances Mc. Cheatham, Eng., Spanish; Mrs. Lucille C. Ferrell, Typing, Shorthand; Mr. Colon L. Godwin, Science; Mrs. Georgia A. Gurney, Eng. & Science; Mrs. Mary G. Holland, Math., Sci., Geometry; Mrs. Carrie P. Gilbert, Eng., Math., Alg.; Miss Harriette E. Holley, Eng., Latin; Mr. John A. Hudson, Chem., Math., Sci.; Mrs. Gertrude W. Kerr, Eng., Soc. Sci.; Gladys S. McClenny, Business; Mrs. Gertrude M. Morris, Gov't., Hist., Music; Miss Laura H. Motley, Home Ec.; Mr. W. Lewis Motley, Agri.; Mr. Henry B. Pack, Agri., Shop; Mrs. Mary N. Runkle, Eng., Bus. Train.; Mrs. Mary M. Taylor, Bio., Dr. Train., Geog.; Miss Joyce Wingfield, Music.

Appomattox Elementary School

Miss Flora Belle Williams, principal; Mrs. Kathleen D. Carson, 7; Mrs. Jean A. Hesson, 7; Mrs. Ola S. Furbush, 6; Mrs. Ethel A. Evans, 6; Mrs. Harriette P. Cunningham, 5; Miss Mamie A. Cullop, 5; Mrs. Annie C. Caldwell, 5; Mrs. Thelma W. Martin, 4; Miss Nola M. Burkey, 4; Miss Della Inge, 3; Mrs. Mildred T. Burkey, 3; Miss Myrtle C. Smith, 2; Mrs. Lou C. Rogers, 2; Mrs. Sally M. Martin, 1; Miss Pereeza M. Coleman, 1; Mrs. Edith P. Gregory, 1.

County Supervisor: Dr. Aubrey M. Keesee.

Visiting Teacher: Mrs. Mildred O'B. Alvis.

County Librarian: Miss Nellwyn O'Brien.

Asst. County Librarian, Miss Gertrude S. Ranson.

Negro Schools

Carver-Price H. S.

Mr. Richard E. Patrick, Principal, Chem.; Miss Eddy M. Betts, Eng., Typing, Gen'l. Bus.; Mr. James H. Clay, Hist., Gov't., Civ. Geo.; Mrs. Velma P. Elliott, Home Economics; Rev. Raymond Q. Lawing, Agriculture; Mrs. Harriette P. James, Eng., Art, Health, Phy. Ed.; Mr. Edward T. Johnson, Eng., French, Civics; Mr. Newton H. Miller, Sci., Biology, Phy. Ed.; Mrs. Ora W. Smith, Guidance, Math., Alg., Sc.; Miss Nettie F. Williams, Librarian, English; Elem.: Mrs. Theda M. Harris, 7; Mrs. Frankie M. Hale, 7; Miss Hezetean D. Robinson, 6; Miss Martha E. Venable, 6; Mrs. Theresa W. Hamlett, 5; Mrs. Celestine T. Beasley, 4; Miss Hester B. Stephen, 3-4; Miss Naomi Earley, 3; Mrs. Hattie G. Lee, 2; Miss Mable D. Braxton, 1.

Spout Spring

Mrs. Mattie T. West, 4-6; Miss Dora A. Watkins, 1-3.

Stonewall

Williams, Mrs. Ellie H., 3-5; Miss Jessie Mae Lester, 1-2.

Canaan: Mrs. Josephone C. Webb, 1-6.

Mt. Airy: Mrs. Henreitta P. Johnson, 1-2.

Roadside: Miss Virginia D. Walker, 1-5.

Rural Supervisor: Mrs. Mozella J. Price.

WOODMAN CIRCLE

The Supreme Forest Woodman Circle Grove 73, will have its annual fellowship supper on Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 P. M. at Maud's Hot Shop. All members are urged to be present.

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

...nother editor for whom I was do... an article recently, gave me ...d advice about writing. He said: ...line up all the facts and that ...y will "write itself." But, there ...e times when one ventures to ...te about something of which he ...s very little. That's the case to..., as we undertake to write on ...subject of "money."

...So far as I know, it was about ...year 862 B. C. that the Lydians, ...Greek nation, began the use of ...d and silver coins to expedite ...e. It was about 2,000 years la... that people began dating coins.

...But long before metal coins were ...d, people used "money." I have a ...llection of "Indian wampum." But ...ney goes back much farther than ... Cattle were used for money in ...ient German, leather in Rome, ...ls in Siam, lead in Burma, brass ... China and sugar in the West ...ies, etc. But if you want to get ...the bottom of the use of money, ... can refer to the Bible. It was ...early as the very second chapter ... Genesis, verses 10, 11, 12, that ... writer got to telling about the ...ue of gold. Could have been that ...am and Eve were the first pros...ctors and set up the original gold ...ndard. But brass and iron are ...ntioned in Genesis 4:22. Tubal...n must have been the first gold...th and jeweler.

...Silver comes into mention in ...esis 13:2, and the word "money" ...ed for the first time in Genesis ... 12, 13, 23. They mention ear...s and bracelets in Genesis 24: ... 30.

...In the ancient days, however, ...ld, silver, lead, brass and other ...able metals, were in lumps or ...ggets, and had to be weighed out ... making a transaction. Gradually, ...re came a need to guarantee the ...rity of a valuable metal, and so ...as that ancient kings caused their ...nesses to be stamped on a chunk ...signify that King So-and-So guar...teed that this piece of metal was ...e, etc. That moment saw the be...ning of coinage. Some of these ...nks exist today. Then they put ...chunks the likenesses of turtles, ...s, etc.

...It is said that the first English ...ins came in the time of Egbert ...thred, of the era A. D. 765-805. ...William the Conqueror issued some ...ry good coins. Queen Elizabeth I ...de a step forward by milling the ...ns. It is said that one John Higly, ... Granby, Conn., coined the first ...ney in this country in 1737. A ...r and three hammers were pic...ed, with the words: "I am good ...pper, value me as you please."

...April 2, 1792, George Washington ...ned a law to establish a United ...tes mint. In October, 1792, the ...st American coins came off the ...sses, just imported from Europe. ...pper cents appeared in 1793. The ...t dollar, half dollar and half ...e were struck in 1794; in 1796, ... first quarter and dime. Gold ...ins were issued by private parties ... quite a spell, and it took a long ...e to get the coin-issuing business ...ttled down from a maze of curious ...ues to the present established pat...rn. It is rather amazing that there ... so many very ancient coins still ... the hands of collectors. Great sup...es of ancient coins have been ...nd in excavations. By and large, ... worth of an old coin is determin... by its supply, not its face value. ...me coins and paper money of a ...gligible face value and worth more ... the collectors' market than others ... large face value. Many people ... disappointed when they look up ... current value of an old coin and ...d that it is not worth much. But ... mere fact you have them indi...tes that others, too, have them, and ...y are not as scarce as you may ... hoped.

(Facts cited above from Mehl's ...ar Rare Coin Encyclopedia.)

TO URGE CAMP PICKETT FOR TRAINING CENTER

Representative Watkins M. Ab...t said Monday that he will ask ... Army to designate Camp Pickett ... the training center for recruits ...tering the Army under the new ...serve bill.

A quarter million reserves would ...rve six-month periods of active ...ty under a bill awaiting the Pres...ent's signature. The 46-000-acre ...ilitary installation near Blackstone ... now deactivated. It has been ...ened and closed three times since ... was constructed in 1942.

Pamplin Phones Now In Use

Through the efforts of Pamplin citizens and the Ruritan Club, the Appomattox Telephone Company has established dial telephone service in Pamplin from the Appomattox exchange.

To initiate the service, ceremonial calls were placed last Thursday by Pamplin Mayor Richard F. Williams to Mayor C. F. James, of Appomattox, and from T. DeWitt Evans, president of the Appomattox Lions Club to past president Luther Nash of the Pamplin Ruritan Club. Mayor Williams and Mr. Nash were congratulated on the success of their efforts and those of the community in working out, with the telephone company, the many difficult economic problems attending the establishment of telephone service in a small community. The whole project was seen as a typical American venture of a free people, working together and without government aid, that all might have a greater share of comfort and social pleasure. Both Mayor James and Mr. Evans expressed the pleasure of the people of Appomattox and Pamplin that her citizens were now as close to them as their telephone.

The establishment of service in Pamplin on lines from the Appomattox exchange completes the first step of a project which calls for a separate dial exchange in Pamplin with direct long distance lines to Lynchburg and local service trunk lines to Appomattox.

The building for the new dial office has already been built and part of the dial equipment is on hand. However, inability to get the balance of the equipment from the manufacturer before April of next year makes it necessary to schedule completion of this part some time after the arrival of all apparatus needed.

To those who have waited patiently for service, Keith Schuler pointed out that Appomattox Telephone Company has footed a bill of about $150,000. for expansion in the last eight years, during which time the exchange has grown from 187 telephones to the present 755. There are still, however, over 200 families awaiting service in outlying parts of their area which the company plans to serve. Schuler stated, "We have tried to expand reasonably and as fast as sound financing would permit. Because we have done this and demonstrated our stability, a new satisfactory source of commercial financing has recently become available which will enable us to continue our growth and deveolpment of telephone service in the Appomattox and Pamplin exchanges, where ever it is economically feasible."

The names and numbers of the new telephones in Pamplin will be in the new telephone directory which comes out in October. In the meantime, it is suggested that customers cut out the add with the listings which appears in this paper and clip it in their directory.

Mr. Schuler was enthusiastic in his praise of the spirit of cooperation the company has received from Pamplin citizens and organizations. He added, "We are proud that we are now able to offer this enlarged service to the people of our area, and it is our goal to make the Appomattox telephone service the best possible."

Community Cannery Open Saturday To Serve Patrons

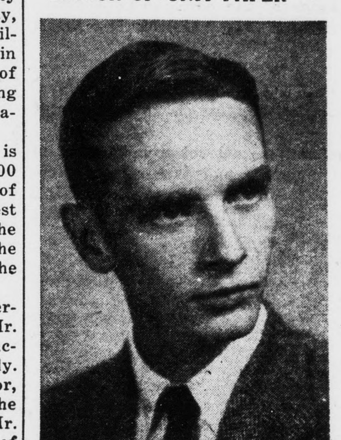
At the request of patrons who are employed by the local garment factories, the Appomattox Community Cannery will be open this Saturday, August 6. There is a good possibility that the cannery will remain open on Saturdays for the rest of the month of August, providing there is a need for Saturday operation.

So far this year the cannery is having a good season, with 13,000 cans put up during the month of July. This number is the largest amount ever canned during the month of July. It is about twice the amount canned in July during the past few drougth years.

The cannery, at present, is operating with one new instructor, Mr. Vernell Mitchell, and one experienced instructor, Mrs. John Tweedy. Mr. John Tweedy, former instructor, has resigned from his job in the cannery, due to his health. Mr. Tweedy supervised the canning of over a quarter millions cans of food at the cannery.

This additional time of operation is being granted by the County School Board in response to a petition presented this week from the county patrons employed by the local garment companies.

EDITOR OF UNIT PAPER



. . . Pfc. Byron Babcock

Pfc. Byron Babcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Babcock, of Appomattox, is stationed with the 14th Ordnance Battalion in New Mexico. His work is of an administrative nature and includes the management of the Battalion's Message Center. He is also editor-in-chief of his unit's newspaper, "The 14th Atomeer."

Forestry Camp Concluded At Holliday Lake

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 3.- The tenth annual Boys' Forestry Camp was held during the week of July 25 through July 30. State Forester George W. Dean stated that 100 boys attended camp this year and will carry back to their community a wealth of knowledge learned from the forestry courses taught at the camp.

The camp is held each year at Holliday Lake located in the Buckingham - Appomattox State Forest. One hundred scholarships were awarded to boys judged most deserving from the standpoint of activity and interest shown in sound forestry conservation methods. At the end of the camp week the boys were given a series of tests on what they had learned. The instructors and counsellors select three boys who display the most leadership, initiative, interest and also make a good showing on their test papers as best campers..

Among the award winners this year was James Cheatham, of Appomattox H. S., of Spout Springs, for Volume Estimation, Cu. Ft.

Trained professional foresters and a game manager handled the instruction at the camp, which included such courses as Forest Fire Control, Cruising, Marking and Estimating Timber, Area Surveying, Tree Planting, Tree Identification, Game Management, and Timber Harvesting and Processing.

In addition to James Cheatham, of Appomattox, Robert Beale, of Pamplin High School attended the camp.

3¼ INCHES RAIN IN JULY

Appomattox had a rainfall of approximately 3.5 inches during the month of July, it was reported yesterday by W. S. Taylor who keeps the records here for the weather bureau.

Softball League In 3-Way Tie

Recent Results

W. Auto 8, Jamerson 4; Garment Co. 11, Oakville 4; Transco 9, Jamerson 8; Garment Co. 10, Sinclair 8; W. Auto 15, Garment Co. 4; Jamerson 8, Oakville 4.

Transco 13, Garment Co., 8.
Sinclair 8, Jamerson, 6.

League Standings

Team	W	L
Oakville	7	4
Transco	7	4
W. Auto	7	4
Garment Co.	6	6
Sinclair	5	6
Jamerson	2	10

Schedule

August 4: Transco vs Oakville; Sinclair vs W. Auto.

August 8: Jamerson vs W. Auto; Garment Co. vs Oakville.

August 9: Transco vs Sinclair; Garment Co. vs Jamerson.

Pamplin Plays At Altavista

Pamplin's Patrinck Henry League team, figting for a place in league play-offs, and now ranking fourth in the standings, will paly two games at Altavista this week-end. Pamplin plays at Altavista both Friday and Saturday nights.

Pamplin divided two games with Brookneal last week-end.

NEW PASTOR AT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Colie Rock, of Elm City, N. C. has accepted a call to become pastor of the Hebron Baptist Church in Appomattox County.

THOMAS A. SMITH RECEIVES LAND SURVEY LICENSE

Mrs. L. E. Smith has received word that her son, Thomas A. Smith, of Ovid, New York, has received his New York State Professional Engineering and Land Survey License.

PASSES STATE BAR

. . . . Frank M. McCann

Frank M. McCann, son of Mrs. J. A. McCann, of Spout Spring, was one of 121 candidates to pass the examinations of the Virginia Board of Law Examiners. Announcement of the successful candidates was made this week, for examinations given in June.

The new attorney received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of William and Mary, June 1954, with a major in jurisprudence, and he continued his studies there as a graduate student during the 1954-55 session. He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, and of the Wythe Law Club.

He married the former Nancy Anne Clexton, also a graduate of the College of William and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. McCann now reside in Williamsburg, Va.

Melon Feast Friday Night

The annual Watermelon Feast of the Mens' Bible Classes of the Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox and the Fairview Heights Christian Church, Lynchburg, will be held Friday night of this week. The occasion begins at 7:30 P. M. at the parsonage of Liberty Church. Class members and their wives will attend.

Pipeliners To Stay Here Most Of August

T. E. Davis, Superintendent, stated this morning that the Williams Brothers Pipeline crews would be stationed here most of Aug., finishing a big pipeline looping operation for Transcontinental. William Bros. has a new contract for slightly over three additional miles of line in the Gretna area. Appomattox has been headquarters for the project all summer.

N. C. Markets Open This Week

The 1955 sales season for flue-cured tobacco moved into North Carolina this week with the opening of eight border belt markets.

Growers and market experts were looking for a comparison of opening day prices with the $57.16 figure set by opening-day sales on the South Carolina markets last week.

Experts noted that farmers in the border area had excellent crops of flue-cured tobacco, and felt that the market would register improvement in quality of leaf over last year.

The North Carolina border markets are at Whiteville, Tabor City, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Fairmont, Fair Bluff, Calrkton and Charbourn.

On the South Carolina opening last yeek, 47.5 per cent of the gross sales went to the flue-cured tobacco Stabilization Corporation, which purchases tobacco under the price support program.

Last year, producer sales on the eight border North Carolina markets amounted to 146,374,552 pounds at an average price of $54.29. There was a 5 per cent cut in acreage this year, but the volume is expected to increase due a better growing season.

"This Is Your Life" Birthday Party at Evergreen

A "This Is Your Life" program, honoring the birthday of John Kent Hamilton, postmaster and one of Evergreen's outstanding citizens, was given Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton in Evergreen.

Highlights in the life of the honoree were related by Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham, mistress of ceremonies. The date of his birth was told by his aunt, Mrs. Ella Jennings, and events of John Kent's early life were told by his cousin, Mrs. Ethel Paulett. The story of his early life included his love for dogs, as portrayed by "Trigger"; his first Christmas, related by his sister, Mrs. Lovelle Inge; his first schooling, under Miss Margaret McDonald; the years with his beloved step-mother, told by his cousin, Mrs. Gladys Harvey; his baptism and first Sunday School teacher; his high school years, reported by Dick Smith; his days of being away from home, as told by Peyton Seay; his better days, given by the Rev. R. T. Smith; his marriage to Miss Ruby Wooldridge, May 28, 1941; his appointment as postmaster and other offices; his ordination as a deacon of the Evergreen Baptist Church, brought out by the full body of church deacons; his parenthood proclaimed by his sons, Richard and Donald; his faithfulness to an invalid father, and finally his esteem of neighbos as told by the Rev. L. P. Brown.

One hundred twenty guests registered for the unique birthday party. Like the personalities on Ralph Edwards famous "This Is Your Life" program, John Kent was completely surpried by the occasion, prepared and presented by his friends.

A three-tiered birthday cake, with fruit punch, was served on the lawn from a candlelit table.